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SUBJECT: TURKISH CYPRIOT DECLARATION OF ADVISORY AIRSPACE IN NICOSIA FIR

REF: MONTREAL 393 (NOTAL), NICOSIA 645,656

1. AS INDICATED MONTREAL 393, UNSYG WALDHEIM HAS BEEN

ASKED BY ICAO COUNCIL PRESIDENT KOTAITE TO EXPRESS TO TURKISH CYPRIOT LEADER RAUF DENKTASH "SERIOUS CONCERN" OVER TURKISH CYPRIOT PROPOSAL TO TAKE OVER AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL IN NORTHERN PORTION OF NICOSIA FLIGHT INFORMATION REGION (FIR). ICAO MESSAGE (BEING TRANSMITTED SEPTEL) ASKS DENKTASH TO WITHDRAW INTENDED MEASURES IN INTEREST OF AIR SAFETY AND SAFETY OF LIFE.

- 2. DEPARTMENT BELIEVES CHANGE PROPOSED BY TURKISH CYPRIOTS COULD AFFECT AIR SAFETY IN SEVERAL MAJOR MIDEAST AIR ROUTES, WOULD BE DISRUPTIVE IF PUT INTO EFFECT AND, IN OUR VIEW, IS ATTEMPT BY TURKISH CYPRIOTS TO DRAMATIZE THEIR CONTROL OVER NORTHERN CYPRUS AND INJECT POLITICS INTO WHAT IS BASICALLY A TECHNICAL QUESTION OF PROVISION OF NECESSARY AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL SERVICES.
- 3. DEPARTMENT CONSIDERS THAT GOVERNMENT OF TURKEY, AS

AUTHORITY ULTIMATELY RESPONSIBLE FOR TURKISH CYPRIOT CONTROL OF NORTHERN CYPRUS, HAS PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITY FOR CORRECTING THIS SITUATION. WE THEREFORE BELIEVE AN APPROACH SHOULD BE MADE TO THE TURKISH GOVERNMENT SEEKING WITHDRAWAL OF "TFSC" NOTAM. FOR MAXIMUM IMPACT, THIS APPROACH SHOULD BE MADE IN COORDINATION WITH AS MANY WESTERN EMBASSIES AS POSSIBLE. WE HAVE DISCUSSED POSSIBLE JOINT ACTION WITH UK EMBASSY HERE, WHO THROUGH LONDON ARE IN TOUCH WITH OTHER EIGHT EUROPEAN COMMUNITY MEMBERS.

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5. FOR NICOSIA. FAA IS PRESENTLY CONFERRING WITH U.S. AIR CARRIERS TO DETERMINE LIKELY IMPACT IF THIS CHANGE WERE TO GO INTO EFFECT, AND TO DEVELOP ALTERNATIVE PROCEDURES AS MIGHT BE REQUIRED. WE DO NOT BELIEVE YOU SHOULD TAKE INITIATIVE TO RAISE THIS MATTER WITH TURKISH CYPRIOT AUTHORITIES, OR THAT ANY RESPONSE TO GOC IS RE-

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- 6. FOR LONDON. PLEASE INFORM FCO OF FOREGOING AND ENCOURAGE BRITISH TO WORK THROUGH EC-9 MACHINERY TO ENSURE COORDINATED EC-9/US APPROACH IN ANKARA.
- 7. EC INFO ADDRESSEES MAY AT THEIR DISCRETION RAISE THIS MATTER WITH HOST GOVERNMENTS AND SEEK THEIR COOPERATION IN COORDINATED APPROACH.

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